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New Leaders Elected

Patrick Lawlor '13
Editor in Chief

The results are in: after signature collection, campaigning and voting on BlackBoard, student leaders were elected by their peers. Most prominently, Tony Brunco '14, was elected President of the Student Government Association. SGA is the voice of the student body to the college administration. Brunco formerly served as SGA Vice President, which involved oversight of over 50 clubs and organization that are funded under the SGA budget allocation. Brunco edged out Maria Russo, SGA Member-At-Large for the top student leadership post.

SGA, in addition to an executive board, also has representatives for each class. The Class of 2014 Representatives elected were: Maria Russo, Kaitlyn Davis, Neil Gagnon, Brendan Shea, Arianna L'Ecuyer, and Cam Greenburg. The Class of 2015 Representatives are Sarah Connelly, Chris Hart, Julie Salisbury, Lauren Foster, John Ferraro, Tim O'Leary, Jennie Votta, and Danielle Trudel. The Class of 2016 Representatives are Lauren Folino, Mackenzie Goebel, Ashley Walsh, Max Zhang, Allison Langone, and Madison Davis.

In addition to SGA Representatives, Class Councils were also elected. Class Councils are responsible for the programming and planning of class events. Next year's senior Class Council, the Class of 2014 will be led by Marissa DePaolo as President. Schuyler Watkins as Vice President, Neha Patel as Treasurer, Bridget Gilroy as Secretary and Hannah Farrell and Cassandra Moniz will be representatives.

The Class of 2015 Class Council, which was not fully filled by its electorate, will be led by Francesco Quinci as its President. Priscilla Khakejad will serve as Vice President and Brianna Burk, its Secretary.

The Class of 2016 also only elected three cabinet members: Nicole Viselli, President, Kaitlin Langlais, Vice President and Kristin MacLellan, Treasurer.

SGA Meetings occur every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Bombs' Blast Felt on Campus

By Nicole Meaney '13
Staff Writer

Monday, April 15, was when taxes were due, Patriots Day was celebrated, and the Boston Marathon was attacked.

At approximately 3 p.m., two homemade bombs exploded 534 feet apart near the finish line of the Marathon, in Boston's Copley Square. Each was filled with nails and metal pellets; three people were killed and more than 170 injured.

While many Merrimack students, and some alumni, staff and faculty, were involved in the Marathon — many Lady Warrior cross-country runners were in the crowd, as were some softball players and at least one coach — all were reported safe.

Merrimack sent an email to the community, offering college resources to those traumatized by the evening but noting, "In moments like this, we must turn to one another for comfort and care." The college held Mass in Our Mother of Good Counsel Chapel in Austin Hall the day after the Marathon, for the community to come together and pray for those affected.

The three dead represented a range of Marathon watchers. Krystle Campbell, 29, of Arlington, Mass., was described as "having a heart of gold" by her mother. Martin Richard, 8, of Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, was described by neighbor Billy Forry as "a quiet, compassionate kid - and somebody who was a good leader." Lu Lingzi of China was a Boston University graduate student studying mathematics; at a memorial service, her cousin remembered her as always smiling.

Senior Emily Moldoff, a three-year finish-line volunteer, was among those tended to the severely injured. She told the Eagle-



Last year's commencement speaker, Dave McGillivray '76, of the Boston Athletic Association, is the long time director of the Boston Marathon.

Tribune of North Andover the scene was "very chaotic." She was among scores of civilians, EMTs and law enforcement officers who jumped into action to help runners and onlookers within seconds of the blast.

Another volunteer was Carlos Arrendondo. Prior to the explosion, he was handing out American flags to runners as a tribute to his son, Alexander, a Marine who died in Iraq in 2004. When the first explosion went off, Arrendondo ran toward people lying on the ground, finding one man who had lost both legs and creating a tourniquet until the victim could reach medical aid. That victim, Jeff Bauman, was later able to identify bombing suspects for police.

After the explosion, social media sites and the Internet, became populated with posts and pictures trying to serve many purposes, from making sure friends and family were all right to expressing concern and offering hope

for Boston to trying to identify suspects. The FBI and other law enforcement officials turned to the public for help in gathering photos and videos of the finish line. In one telling photo, little Martin Richard watches the marathon while the two men later identified as suspects walk by behind him.

Molly Canyes '15 noted that two of her friends who attend the Berklee College of Music were near the second bomb, and their video footage was splashed across the media, including NBC News.

By the end of April 16, the press and the public had answers to the questions what, where, when and how; the questions that remained were who and why. The FBI reminded the world: "Since these stories often have unintended consequences, we ask the media, particularly at this early stage of the investigation, to exercise caution and attempt to verify information

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MERRIMACK ON THE MARATHON

Students share memories, reflections of tragedy

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Questions on the Quad

By Alex Maas '14

What are you looking forward to most about summer?



Inna Helden '14

“Warm Weather”



Enrique Etges '15

“Going back to Brasil, going to the beach, and seeing my family and dog.



Mikey Enright '14

“Getting as drunk as possible”

Police Log

April 14

O'Brien RA reports an altercation between the second and third floors. Units respond, report male suspect in custody. All clear.

AC requests officer for intoxicated male vomiting in the lobby of O'Brien. AFD responding with officers. Resident student transported to LGH.

April 15

Student comes to police services to report a call from a strange phone number, due to the ongoing incidents in Boston. No further information

available.

April 18

Student calls to report a backpack left on the St. Ann bridge. described as tan tweed. Sergeant responds. Unit reports checking immediate and surrounding area. No backpack in sight.

April 19

Lieutenant out in the Deegan East quad for an alcohol assessment of an intoxicated female. Officer assisting. Student transported to LGH.

AC reports male student in Ash semi-con-

scious. North Andover Fire Department is on scene. Student transported to LGH.

AC reports a couple of students smoking marijuana on the Ash steps. Unit reports speaking with a non-student and a student. Small amount of marijuana confiscated.

Sergeant requests EMT for a female at the stage in Volpe. Female transported to LGH.

Male caller reports suspicious odor coming from a room in L-Tower. Sergeant reports no odors.

Employee calls police stating a group of students leaving Augie's Pub pushing tables and tossing papers around. Group is headed out by the cafeteria entrance. Sergeants speak with the group.

April 20

O'Brien RA reports grills outside still burning unattended. Unit extinguishes flames with his water bottle.

Student reports female vomiting in the doorway of L-Tower. Unit calls AFD for highly intoxicated female student. Student transported to LGH

Mack Tweets

@Briana255

Cops on bicycles and golf carts? Only at #merrimack #springweekend

@hillea

The best time to have a hotdog is at 2am

@Master_Bates

Joe Cannata, I know him better as JCann35 will be backing up Bobby Lou tonight #Canucks #Joe-SaysNo

@MC_Athletics

... APRIL DAUGHERTY of the Merrimack field hockey team! Congrats, April! #GoMC

@MC_Athletics

...COREY LUNNEY from the men's lacrosse team!!! Congrats, Corey, and congratulations to all our

student-athletes on a tremendous year! #GoMC

@realmattkirkham

how much are the sock companies paying the washer/dryer companies? #nomatches

@desiree_deleon

Not knowing where your Mack card is really puts a damper on your day #needaleashforthatthing

LEAD awards honor groups, individuals

Molly Canyes '15
Staff Writer

For the past 10 years the LEAD awards ceremony has taken place every spring at Merrimack. Awards are given to outstanding students and organizations in recognition of the hard work done over the year.

Members of the Merrimack community nominate honorees.

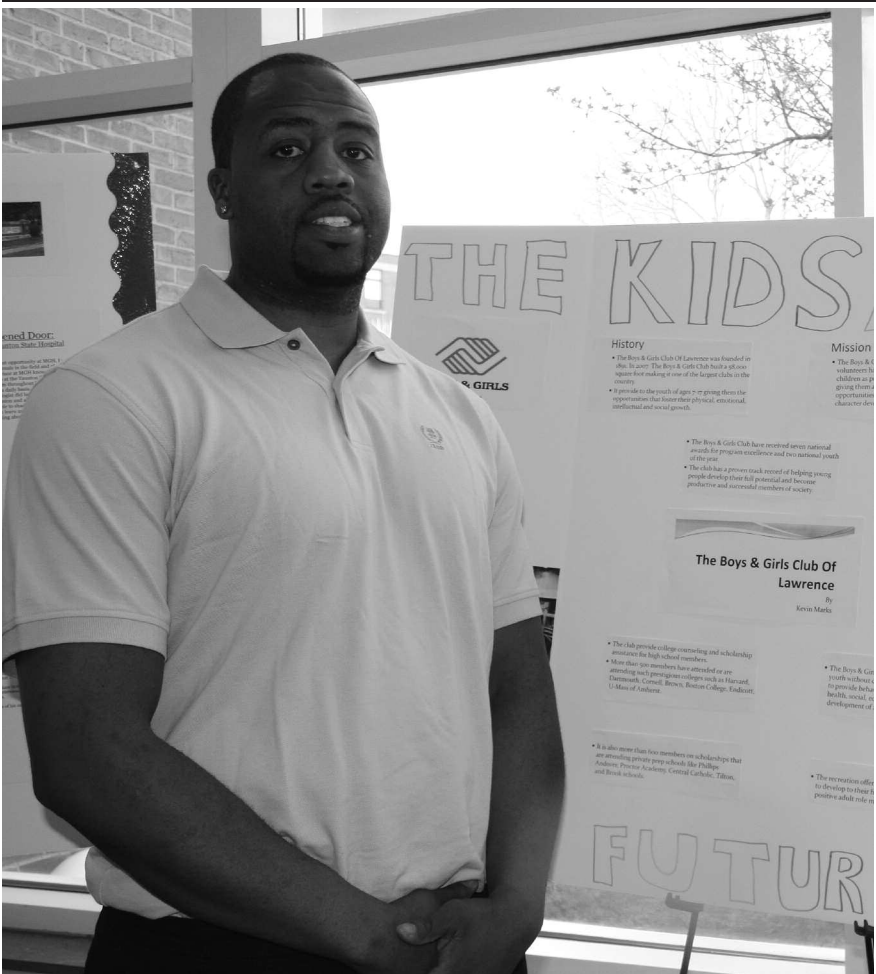
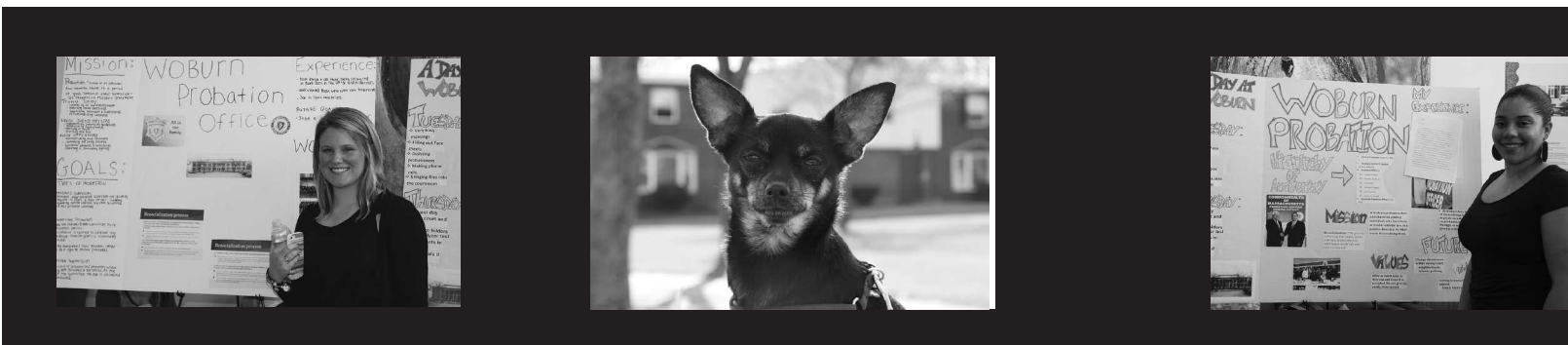
LEAD stands for Leadership Education Athletics Development.

Students are encouraged to wear their organization T-shirts, sweat-shirts, team jerseys, and to “hoot and holler for their peers as they win the awards,” said Allison Stinson, associate director of student involvement.

This year 10 groups, eight student-led programs, 18 athletes, as-

ports team, and three club sports team were nominated for one of the 24 awards that were presented at the LEADs.

“Last year we incorporated athletics awards to be presented with our leadership awards, in an effort to show how involved our students are on campus in many different areas and it was a complete success,” said Stinson.



Kevin Marks '13 presents his internship with the Boys and Girls Club at the Criminology Internship Fair on Wednesday in the Sakowich Center

Crim/Soc Students Share Experience

The Sociology/Criminology Department held its internship fair on Wednesday in the Sakowich Center. Criminology majors are required to fulfill an internship where they gain field experience relative to their career interests.

The criminology field experience internships are facilitated by Professor Brittanie Aiello, and the social services field experience is facilitated by Professor Karin Orr.

Students within the department, which has two majors and is one of the most popular majors in Liberal Arts have interned in a variety of organizations including law offices, non-profit organizations, local police departments, the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts House of Representatives, probation and parole offices, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Students take the internship in lieu of a class and meet on a regular basis to discuss their experience and share field notes.

Merrimack Women Lean In at Seminar

Jillian Toce '13
News Editor

At the beginning of April, more than 100 women joined together in Cascia Hall for the 14th annual Women's Leadership Seminar. The group included Merrimack students, alumni, professors and professional staff members.

The event included speakers, an alumni panel, and group activities to try to apply to every type of attendee.

"It is a great opportunity to celebrate our women leaders on campus and recognize all that they have done throughout the year," said Allison Stinson, associate director of student involvement. "We always have a theme, so this year's was the power of networking and negotiation. We determined that this is something that is a challenge specifically for women. We always try picking a topic that will empower women leaders as graduates of Merrimack."

She said planning began in the fall, and the committee settled on the networking and negotiation theme, then settled on panelists. "We like to bring back Merrimack alumni because it is better for our student leaders," Stinson said. "We knew we wanted a panel of young alumni who we knew to be successful. Each committee member threw names out there and the four who were there were picked based on their different majors, and different careers."

"The event was very successful because there were higher numbers than ever," she said. "The event has approached 100 individuals before, but has never gone over. The feedback from presenters and students was very positive and many connections were made. We are very excited for next year after the success of this year."

Planning has already begun for next year's seminar, which will be a full- or half-day conference-style event. Any women on Merrimack's campus will be able to attend, Stinson said; this year, women on campus had to be nominated for the seminar.

The members of this year's committee, in addition to Stinson, were Susanne Carter, Rose Dolan, Katherine Donell, Jane Parent, Kathryn Nielsen, Kathy St. Hilaire, Rebecca Ryan and Kathy Vaillancourt.

School News

The Beacon's New Editorial Board

The Beacon's Executive Board, the governing body of the college's newspaper, has announced nominations and offers for editor positions to six students.

The executive board has announced Kara-Marie Joyce '15 will lead the paper as editor in chief. Schyuler Watkins '14 will serve as associate editor in chief, Jess Raver '15, as creative director and design editor, Ashley Yenick '14 as copy editor, Alex Maas '14 as media editor and Patrick Bradley '14 as sports editor.

"I am very excited about

this talented group who will lead The Beacon and continue our efforts to provide the Merrimack College Community with a reliable and valued news source," said Patrick Lawlor '13, the current chairman of the executive board and editor in chief.

The Beacon's Executive Board is made up of three members that lead the paper in policy, budget and oversight. The outgoing Executive Board members are Patrick Lawlor '13, chairman, Joan Corcoran '13, vice chair, and Jillian Toce '13, ranking

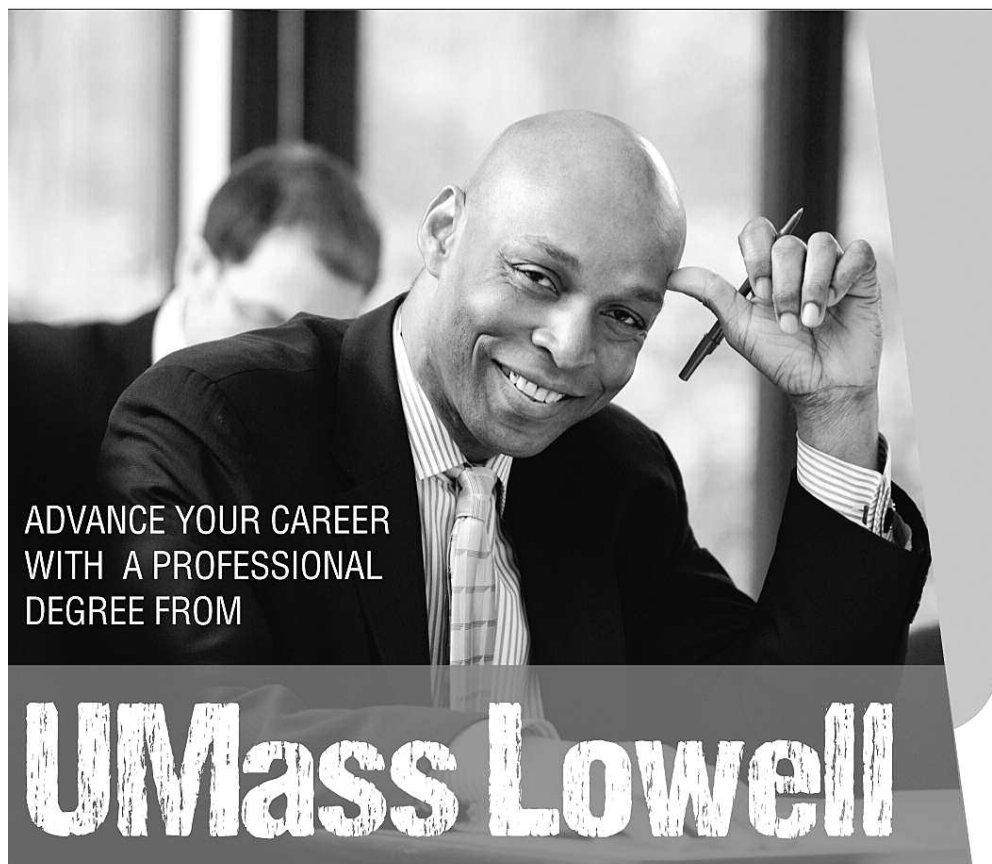
member. Next year's Executive Board will consist of Joyce as chairwoman, Watkins as vice chair and Raver as the ranking member.

"I am very happy with this group, and confident they will continue with the momentum that we have had the last year," said Lawlor. "I have a lot of faith in Kara and I am very happy she will lead the newspaper."

Under The Beacon's bylaws, editors can either be elected by the staff or appointed by the executive board.

Next year will mark The Beacon's 12th publishing year as a student organization and the fourth year The Beacon has had an involvement in the academic curriculum.

There are two course offerings in the Communication Arts and Sciences Department that teach aspiring communicators media production and new media application. Jim Chiavelli, an adjunct professor and advisor to The Beacon, teaches both courses. The Beacon prints biweekly on the academic calendar.



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Tyler Calder '13
Staff Writer

Exchange-Traded Funds, or ETFs, are one of the fastest growing financial securities in the industry with their assets under management reaching \$1.1 trillion at the end of 2012. Many analysts believe that this remarkable growth is the just the beginning for the booming ETF business.

So, what exactly is an ETF?

An ETF is a financial security that tracks an index, a commodity or a basket of assets like a mutual fund would, but trades like a stock on a stock exchange. ETFs can be passively or actively managed, have low costs, are highly liquid, offer diversification and will surely have the approval of the average investor. But its unique characteristics and capabilities offer tremendous advantages to the savvy investor as well.

The ETF market finally hit the ground running in 1993 with the birth of State Street's SPDR S&P 500 Fund (NYSE: SPY), which tracks the return on the S&P 500. For example, if the S&P index is up 1 percent then the ETF SPY would also be up 1 percent. Since then, traditional ETFs (like the one in the example) have given birth to a whole range of different types of ETFs. There are now bond ETFs, currency ETFs, sector ETFs, commodity ETFs, inverse ETFs, leveraged ETFs and the list goes on.

Think that the emerging markets are going to boom as the US deficit continues to climb higher? Go ahead and invest in iShare's ETF EEMV for your finance class's StockTrak game.

While ETFs are becoming more popular, financial analysts alike can't help but compare this relatively new innovation to the mature mutual fund industry. Both of these securities are similar in that they offer diversification, can be passively or actively managed, and more or less track an index. An ETF can be advantageous when compared to a mutual fund in the sense that it does not have a minimum investment, can be more tax efficient, offers higher liquidity, and can have lower fees.

So, which one is better? It's really a matter of personal preference and risk appetite. I for one prefer the ETF because of its ability to be traded throughout regular trading hours (unlike a mutual fund that can only be sold at market close) and for the potential to magnify returns with the use of leveraged ETFs.

Andrew DiNuccio '13
and Andrew Ferraro '13
Staff Writers

We often hear of terms such as GDP, CPI, and unemployment rates on the news but many in today's society are not well-versed in what these important economic indicators are or what impact they have on our daily lives. This is especially true for college students who may not be required to track these figures and have not gotten a foothold in the professional world that forces one to care about these terms. As college students it is essential to understand this data to be able to make efficient and rational decisions in the future. Understanding key economic indicators allows one to have a better grasp on the business cycle and where our nation is heading in the future. The majority of this information is gathered and processed by the Federal Reserve, The National Bureau of Economic Research, The Bureau of Labor Statistics, The United States Census Bureau, and The United States Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The economic indicator that will be analyzed in this article, the national unemployment rate, is one that is viewed by many as having the greatest impact on young adults, such as college students and recent graduates, today. Our current unemployment rate is about 7.7 percent, and when compared to what is considered to be full employment at around 3 percent it is obvious to see that this is certainly a problem college students will face in the near future.

The United States unemployment rate has affected young adults in various ways since our country recently entered into a

recession. Recent indicators on the nation's labor market show a decline in the unemployment rate. Nonetheless, since 2010, the share of young adults aged 18 to 24 that are currently employed (54 percent) has been at its lowest point since the government began collecting this data in 1948. In addition, young adults employed full-time have experienced a greater drop in weekly earnings (down 6 percent) than any other age group over the past four years.

If we cannot start to steadily decrease our unemployment in the near future, it will also begin to start affecting our long-term plans in a trend that is already occurring today. Among all young adults (aged 18-34), almost half (49 percent) say they have taken a job they didn't want just to pay the bills, with 24 percent saying they have taken an unpaid job to gain work experience. And more than one-third (35 percent) say that, as a result of the poor economy, they have gone back to school.

With college enrollment rates at the highest levels we have seen in recent history and job creation growing at a very slow pace, the market for a decent well-paying job is the most competitive and fierce we have experienced. It is vital that as college students we make sure we have prepared ourselves to the fullest. In the past couple years, the best way college students have found employment has been by gaining work experience through an internship or co-op and building a strong network of friends, relatives, colleagues, and acquaintances. Finding a job in today's economy is tough but there are opportunities out there for those who know where to look.

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On April 18, Waiting for an End

Patrick Bradley '14
Staff Writer

I'm upset. We all are. As someone who was not directly affected by a friend or family member killed or injured, the sadness that dwells in my heart still lingers, but is slowly being replaced. My life continues. Last night I went to a concert, arguably one of the best shows I've ever seen put on by Timeflies – a two man group who got their education down the road at Tufts – at the House of Blues. In the middle of the show, several first responders, one of whom went to high school with the band's lead singer, came onto stage. It was the loudest roaring of applause I've ever heard. In this city, that means something.

I've gone back and forth with my emotions. I don't know what to feel. To a degree, I'm scared – perspective becomes a bit sharper, words and actions sting or comfort a little more than average, but awareness most of all is on guard and red alert when tragedy strikes so close to home.

It hit hardest when I realized what might have been. I've always wanted to go to the Red Sox Patriot's Day 11 am game, as well as the Boston Marathon. Patriot's Day may well be the best day every year in Boston. It's filled with joy – of both the sober and drunken variety – and camaraderie. No one cares about anything else but loving each other, their sports teams, and the city we're all so proud to call our own. I've always wanted to experience it, and I just turned 21 so this seemed like the year to go. Instead, my priorities shifted and I spent time with people I care about over the weekend, neglecting a story I had to get done for work and suffering for it on Monday by not being able to go into the city. I would've gone to the Red Sox game, had the time of my life, and wandered straight over to the finish line to join in the pure joy and elation of families, friends, and runners celebrating such incredible accomplishments. I would've gotten there just around the time the first bomb went off. I would've been standing right there. I could be dead right now.

Had I survived the blast, I wouldn't have run. I'm too stupid to do that. I would've thrown my own neck on the line like every other brave hero out there and tried to save someone's life since mine was fortunate enough to be spared. I'm no hero, but I would've tried pretty hard last Monday. Instead I'm writing about it, trying to figure everything out. Part of me feels blessed, part of me feels guilty. Why them, not me? Why an 8-year-old boy? Why?

To a degree, I'm angry. I want to fight. But not fight like war – no, more violence is the last thing we need (although to be fair if I met this punk on the street he'd have a few teeth less than an old time Bruin, but that's besides the point). I want to be in the middle of it. I wish I were one of those cops or first responders – one of Boston's Finest – being out there making a difference. I feel helpless. I want to fight for everything that's good in this world, not promote this cowardly act and the losers behind it.

So that's why I'm writing this, I guess. Partially for you, whoever you are reading this, to encourage you. Smile at someone today. Hold a door for someone, whether they need it or not. When I was younger and trying to understand death, grown ups told me people died because God wanted them to come home. As I got a little older, they explained everyone was here for a purpose. Sometimes, you've fulfilled your purpose at a much younger age than any of us would like, so God lets you come home and join Him in eternal paradise and happiness.

What these terrorists tried to do was exactly what's been happening so far – they wanted to scare us. they wanted us to be uncomfortable. They wanted us to be angry. They wanted us to pay – God knows what for. They're succeeding. We cannot let that happen. When little 8-year-old Martin Richard saw his father cross the finish line at the Boston Marathon, he was so excited that he ran out from the sidewalk and embraced his father in a hug to congratulate him. He then ran back over to his mother and sister on the sidelines as his father went to go get the medal he rightfully deserved. Just as he got there, the bomb went off.

The terrorists want us to remember the fear that overwhelmed us, the grief that swept us off our feet, and the anger that has embraced us in the hours and days that have followed. That's not how this can be remembered.

Instead of fear, be strong. Hold those you love close and know that love will overcome. Instead of grief, celebrate the life you still have, and the difference these poor, innocent victims have made on our lives this week alone – we've all come together, we've all worked as one, and we've all united in a time where a weaker, less capable community would fall apart. And instead of anger, kill these cowardly fools with kindness. Try, somewhere in your hearts, to forgive them. Pray for them. May God have mercy on their souls, and may they forever live with pain and suffering we've experienced burdening their already distorted hearts.

We can start with 8-year-old Martin. He had so much life to live, so much potential ahead of him. Instead, the memory of his last few moments – pure, innocent, unequivocal love and joy will be his lasting image of this attack.

You can huff, you can puff, but you can't blow Boston down. We are Boston Strong. So was Martin Richard.

Pray, Love, Remember. Don't let them win.



Merrimack College Lady Warriors that volunteered at mile 17 of the Boston Marathon. From left at top, Kerry Phelan '16, Christina Fisher '13, Fiona Coleman '14, Meghan Brophy '15, Sarah May '16 and Haley DeFilippis '16. Bottom row, Amber Legacy '15, Kristin Schmidt '16 and Caisie Wynot '16.

Photo courtesy Fiona Coleman

MC Strong After Bomb

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through appropriate official channels before reporting.”

On April 17, reports surfaced that a suspect was in custody. This widespread report carried by reputable news sources turned out to be merely speculation. The missteps on Wednesday did not stop there; there were reports of a bomb threat at Boston's federal courthouse shortly afterward, and the building was evacuated, but the threat was proven to be false. Many news sources once known for accuracy had to retract multiple false reports.

On April 18, President Obama attended a memorial service in Boston for those affected by the bombings. At Merrimack, students were reminded to keep vigilant and to report any concerns to police. That afternoon, the FBI released surveillance footage of two males they were calling Suspect 1 and Suspect 2. Every news station played the footage over and over, with much of the dialogue by reporters being speculation and observations. But as one police officer noted, “This is not an episode of ‘NCIS;’ this will take time to solve.”

The story broke developed quickly on the night of April 18 and into the morning hours of April 19. MIT campus police Officer Sean Collier was killed after an encounter with the suspects, who car-jacked a man in Cambridge, Mass., later letting him out after allegedly confessing their involvement in the bombings. Police chased them to Watertown, Mass., west of Boston, where they exchanged shots and tossed explosives at officers; MBTA officer Richard Donahue Jr. was critically injured, and remains hospitalized.

Early April 19 the world knew the suspects' names: Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who had been killed in the battle with police, and his younger brother, Dzhokhar. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev fled on foot; by mid-morning Saturday, hundreds of state, federal and local law enforcement officers had descended on Watertown. Residents

of that town and the abutting communities of Newton, Cambridge, Waltham and even Boston were told to stay indoors; businesses were asked to shut down, and MBTA train and bus service was suspended, along with taxi service in Boston. Police conducted door to door searches in Watertown and heavily armed officers and military-style vehicles patrolled neighborhoods; Boston's bare streets gave everyone a vision of life after an apocalypse.

The daylong search ended around 7 p.m. when a Watertown man noticed blood on the boat stored in his yard. Police found the younger Tsarnaev hiding inside, and he was eventually removed and taken to a Cambridge hospital in critical condition. Sources have told the media that he has confessed to the bombings; family and friends have said the older brother had turned to a radicalized version of Islam that angered him about U.S. policies.

When the arrest was announced, people flocked into Boston's streets chanting “USA, USA,” and cheering passing police officers. At Merrimack, The Band Perry was performing, and, upon the announcement via social media, the erupted the same way.

While this story will continue to unfold, within the span of five days Boston had the answers to who, what, where, when, and how.

For Merrimack students who want to help those affected, donations will be collected on Main Street for One Fund Boston, which was established by the city and the state.

In addition, the Merrimack College Fitness Center, Her Campus Merrimack and ZTA are holding a Dance-A-Thon to raise money for One Fund Boston on Monday, April 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the fitness center. Suggested donation is \$5, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to One Fund Boston. Those unable to attend can make a donation with cash or through their Mack Cards.

MERRIMACK’S MOST INTERESTING PERSON

Raily Henriquez

Kara Marie Joyce ’15
Staff Writer

This week’s most interesting person is someone who I am proud to call one of my greatest friends, Raily Henriquez. Raily and I have been friends for a year now and in this year I have learned what a beautiful person he is inside and out, but it wasn’t until I sat down and had a formal interview with him that I realized how interesting he truly is.

Raily was born on March 3rd 1993 in the beautiful Dominican Republic, he was born into a very large and loving family. With dreams of a brighter future, at the young age of three Raily moved to America with his mother. Upon arriving they settled down in Lawrence Massachusetts, Raily has been a resident of Lawrence ever since. A large portion of his family still permanently resides in the Dominican Republic including his Grandparents, Aunts, and several cousins. Raily still visits frequently, and holds dual citizenship with both America and the Dominican Republic.

Growing up Raily became part of the Boys and Girls club of Lawrence.

This club helped him to make friends and get involved in his new community. The group leaders regularly had activities planned for the kids which would take place here at Merrimack. They would use several of the beautiful facilities to hold fun activities for the kids, such as the Rogers Center for performing skits and Volpe for organized sports events. Raily always enjoyed the times they would come to Merrimack, and always thought the campus was beautiful as he watched it grow and expand throughout his childhood.

Raily attended Lawrence Technical High School where he was loved and looked up to by his peers. His senior year he was elected the president of student council. He loved being involved and as he was excited to be president his senior

year, he was also sad to be leaving his school that he cared so much about.

When it came time to apply to colleges Raily knew exactly where he wanted to go. It wasn’t a plane or train ride away, it wasn’t even unfamiliar grounds, Raily longed to attend Merrimack and make this campus his new home. When the day came that he received his acceptance letter from Merrimack he was ecstatic, this was not only a huge step for Raily but for his family as well, Raily is the first one in his family to attend college. Raily couldn’t wait to get to college and get involved, before even moving in he applied to be an Austin Scholar. The Austin Scholars are a community that live and learn together in their



Raily Henriquez

community. As freshman the scholars all live in the same hallway and all are put into the same Christianity and Context class giving them a chance to truly bond with each other. They then participate in a weekend mission trip together as a way to give back to their community. Being accepted into this program gave him even more ambition to get involved as much as possible when we arrived on campus.

As a sophomore Raily is an RA in Ash, a member of the Merrimack Planning Board, a proud member of the multi racial group A.L.A.N.A, part of the on-stagers, and a member of the pre-law society. He is in the process of completing a major in political science with a double minor in pre-law and theater. While theater is only his minor he dreams of someday making it big in Hollywood, and making California his home.

Raily is one of the most loveable people I have ever met; he is extremely outgoing and has a heart of gold. He is a great asset to Merrimack College, I have no doubt that he will do big things in the future.

Bombs Won’t Keep Me From Running

Caisie Wynot ’16
Beacon Correspondent

On April 15 I volunteered at the 117th running of the Boston Marathon. It was both my first time volunteering and the first time I saw the marathon in person. As we drove in that morning we were all far more excited than we should have been at 7 a.m. Setting up our station at mile 17 was also part of the excitement, as we counted down the hours and minutes until the estimated time that the elite women would be passing by. We unwrapped more boxes of PowerGel than I’d imagined could be in one area.

When the elite women came by, it was something extraordinary. It put me at awe. They train so hard and compete at an intense level that only a few can ever reach. Specifically, I had my eyes on Shalane Flanagan and Kara Goucher, who are on the American team. Seeing them was the first wave of inspiration I felt that day.

Before I knew it, the hours had passed and marathoners were all around us. I felt so connected; the first person who took PowerGel from me made me smile. Most would even pant out a “Thank you!” as they passed and I would respond with words of encouragement. To me every single one of them was an inspiration.

Standing on the sidelines, all I could think about was that I could not wait until I could run myself. As soon as I can I will qualify for Boston and run these same streets. It won’t stop there, either, I want to do as many as I can. Being in that atmosphere on Marathon Monday was just more encouragement. It made me believe that anything was possible. There were so many different people running by, short, tall, old, young, everything. I even saw a little person and a blind person running this race. How could anyone not be inspired by all this?

I had a smile on my face all day long, and it didn’t stop until we had packed up and got in the car to head back to school. None of us knew what had happened. I had missed calls from my parents and texts from friends and family members and was confused by all of it. My mom was the first person to get the message to everyone in the car: the finish line of the Boston marathon had been bombed.

At first, it was pure shock. I didn’t know how to respond. Back at school is when I felt more of a flood of emotions. I couldn’t decide whether to watch the news or not as I was surrounded by friends. I decided to watch for a bit, but then had to get out for some fresh air. It felt as if the whole afternoon had moved in slow motion. My mind didn’t know how to make sense of everything going on.

I felt that whoever was responsible had committed a terrible act, and he hurt so many people who work so hard for this chance. He hurt the runner’s spirit.

But not forever. I saw a quote that I can’t see as being any truer: “If you’re trying to defeat the human spirit, marathoners are the wrong group to target.” And that’s right. They will jump right back into it, and all the next Boston Marathons to come are going to be great and filled with amazing people.

At the end of that day I felt fear, anger, sadness, and more. But I hope to look back in a positive way and know that Boston, and marathoners all over the world, can move forward with the level of spirit that has been there all along. And now I am more inspired and determined to run the Boston marathon than ever before.

After Tragedy, a New Purpose

Kerry Phelan ’16
Staff Writer

This year marked my fourth consecutive year volunteering at the Boston Marathon at mile 17. The Wicked Running Club, partnered with PowerGel, has been at the spot for the last five years and as a member, I had always been given the opportunity to volunteer. This year, the club member who organizes the volunteers agreed to my request to let 10 members of Merrimack’s girl’s track team volunteer with Wicked.

The tragedies that afternoon began just as we were wrapping up our assignment. Before the explosions, the volunteer station had been, once again, an awesome experience. Our team and the club worked together really well and everyone had a great time watching not just the elites, but the thousands of runners who raced for time, for charity, or for fun. Our job was simple – hold out Powergel to the runners so they could grab them as they ran by. Each of us was assigned a different flavor, and wore a shirt that matched the flavor’s color. As a bonus, we each received an official yellow Boston Marathon volunteer jacket.

By 3 p.m., we were both exhausted and thrilled by the day’s excitement. We had just taken a group picture and returned to our cars when the news of the bombing reached us. Panic immediately swept us as I thought of all the Wicked club members, and

my mother, who was running with her best friend and would be finishing right around the four-hour mark. Desperately, each person in my car began to call her. When we finally got ahold of her, she was at mile 24, completely clueless of what was happening at the finish line. No one, especially not her, had seen this coming. The marathon was such a happy Patriots’ Day tradition, and runners and spectators looked forward to it every year.

The first hours following the tragedy did not get any better. The runners scattered, cold and exhausted, without their possessions, looking for some direction, many unable to make a phone because cellphone service had been cut. Boston was gridlocked; police roamed the hospitals, major buildings, and streets. Getting out of the city, for a long time, was nearly impossible.

Looking back on the experience, I am still very shaken. My own family had been in the midst of it all, and I knew people who were injured at the finish line, some more seriously than others.

However, in no way will it stop me. Despite the tragedies, Boston pulled together and reacted courageously. Not only will I continue to volunteer, I will run the marathon one day. After watching my mom run Boston twice, and running the finish with her both times, I look forward to running down Boylston, remembering the tragic day that Boston became stronger than ever.

Rolling On Out

Patrick Lawlor '13
Editor in Chief

Not many people have the opportunity to thank people in such a venue as this. Last issue I gave you my swan song, my favorite stories from four years on the Beacon staff. In this final editorial, I'd like to take this space to thank those who have helped me along the way during my time at Merrimack.

I would like to thank anyone who has ever written a word for The Beacon. You have made my job easier; you have done the Merrimack community a lot of good.

I'd like to thank my friends, my roommates and my parents for putting up with my strange hours, and listening to my complaints and allowing me to vent. I have always appreciated your thoughts and criticism. I also have appreciated your articles: many times, our drunken conversations have turned into major Beacon articles. Whether you complimented me on an article, or pointed out an error I made, both were important to me. A special thanks to my parents for thinking everything I ever wrote was like spun gold. Admittedly, many times my writing was meant just for my small audience of friends and family.

Jim Chiavelli, the advisor to The Beacon, has had an enormous impact on the Merrimack College community, which many do not even realize. He taught me to hunt for the story and have the audacity to publish it. I have made a great friend in Jim, and I am



forever grateful to him for coming to Merrimack and sharing his passion for journalism for mere pennies. He taught me that it's all war, just different tactics; that you don't stir a cocktail with soda in it; and most of all, that you always have to listen to your conscience.

I'd like to thank the Physical Plant staff for their constant and tireless dedication to making this campus safe and beautiful. These talented men are Merrimack's best salesmen. Their kindness

to me and support for the paper have been tremendous. They are the most sincere and honest people on this campus.

Some of the facilities team have taught me as much as my professors have in a classroom. The life experience and lessons gained while working in the ice rink made my college experience truly well rounded. I'd like to thank Brian Heafey, who has been a great friend and an excellent teacher. Brian taught me that honor comes before money, and how to survive a zombie apocalypse.

Professor Deb Burns, thank you for putting your neck out for The Beacon. We were young, we were dumber than we are now, and you invested in us. I value your relationship with The Beacon and appreciate what you've done for us.

To all my professors, I have valued my education and enjoyed the interesting lectures and conversations that I will remember as I leave Merrimack. The Sociology/Criminology Department, the English Department and the Communications Arts and Sciences Department have the best faculty on campus.

I'd like to thank this year's editors for putting up with my running stream of consciousness and psychotic tendencies. I am often a fool, sometimes a jerk, but I have always appreciated you. Thank you.

My biggest thanks of all goes to our readers. Thank you for sticking with us through good times and bad. The best is yet to come. Next year's editorial staff is a fresh and dedicated bunch. Best of luck, and Godspeed.

Opinion

Thatcher: Divisive Even in Death

Roger McCormack
Staff Writer



The passing of Margaret Thatcher, Britain's former prime minister, marks a sad day for admirers and political bedfellows. Succumbing to a stroke at the age of 87, Thatcher will be best remembered as a titan of the political right and a resolute presence in Ten Downing Street, leaving an influential legacy for Britain and the world.

The daughter of a grocer, Thatcher studied chemistry at Oxford and rose to prominence in the Tory (Conservative) Party. First running for a Conservative seat in Parliament in her early 20s, Thatcher lost to the Labour candidate in both the 1950 and 1951 elections. Able to spread popularity for the Conservatives, she highlighted the excesses of post-war socialist England, stifled by economic regulation and state run businesses.

Elected to Parliament in 1959, Thatcher gained a coveted place in Prime Minister Edward Heath's cabinet by 1970, serving as education minister under a Conservative Party that had reneged on many of its promises. The Heath government prominently interceded in the British economy, betraying a campaign that had advocated for free-market reforms and a diminishment of trade union clout.

Influenced by the ideas of Austrian economist Friedrich Hayek, Thatcher began an ambitious process of smashing unions and other organizations steeped in bureaucracy, events seminal

for Britain's political development. Avowing Hayek's belief that socialism and state-run business would result in a "Road to Serfdom," Thatcher's role as education minister solidified her tough persona, refusing to follow her political brethren in taking the famed "U-turn" on tempering public-sector avarice.

Ascending to defeat Heath in 1975, Thatcher became the first woman in a Western country to lead a political party, heading the opposition in the House of Commons. The preceding Labour government had ushered in a series of crises by employing easy money policy, leading the country to near bankruptcy, an unviable currency, and a series of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund for credit. Trade unions' demands led to pervasive strikes throughout England, providing the coup de grace to the Labour Party's grasp on power.

Public opinion shifted to the Conservatives, and voters elected Thatcher prime minister in May 1979. National Interest magazine, in describing the mess Thatcher inherited, gave this summation:

"By the mid-1970s, Great Britain had become a calamitous mess. England, once a byword for gleaming efficiency, had become sunk in sloth and ennui. The miners didn't mine. Teachers didn't teach. Workers didn't work — unemployment had reached 2 million. Manufacturing output had plummeted by about 16 percent in 1980 alone."

Pursuing a harsh policy to correct the damage of the Labour years, Thatcher was able to palliate recession-plagued England. Curbing ingrained union power and enormous public expenditure, Thatcher's reforms (dubbed affect-

tionately "Thatcherism") were able to impress her severest detractors. The late journalist Christopher Hitchens reminisced: "The worst of 'Thatcherism,' as I was beginning by degrees to discover, was the rodent slowly stirring in my viscera: the uneasy but unbanishable feeling that on some essential matters she might be right."

Checking inflation and raising taxes at the nadir of recession - contrary to dominant economic thinking enabled eight consecutive years of economic growth and a decrease from 22 percent inflation to 4.2 percent between 1980 and 1987.

This growth was assisted by a flood of privatization, including previously government-owned gas, coal, telephone and electric companies. Reducing government-controlled industry was a step to economic prosperity, negating the inefficient results of socialism and bureaucratic leviathans. In Thatcher's own words, "The lesson of the economic history of Europe in the 1970s and '80s is that central planning and detailed control do not work and that personal endeavour and initiative do. That a state-controlled economy is a recipe for low growth and that free enterprise within a framework of law brings better results. ... And that means action to free markets, action to widen choice, action to reduce government intervention. Our aim should not be more and more detailed regulation from the centre: it should be to deregulate and to remove the constraints on trade."

These reforms had tangible effects;

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Dyson Contest Seeks New Designs

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Once again, it's that time of year! The sun shines, the beaches open, and college students rush to the exit of their classrooms.

But don't be so anxious to forget about all the work and research you've done over the year. Instead, take the opportunity to send in your entry for the James Dyson Award.

The James Dyson Foundation of Charitable Trust started in 2007 and every year since has awarded college students grants for their innova-

tive ideas. In brief, the award is given for the best design that solves a problem.

The James Dyson award is open to product design, industrial design and engineering university level students (or graduates within four years of graduation) who have studied in the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and United States.

This year, participants will see the prize money triple. The prize money is split between

three categories. The International winner receives 30,000 euros, the James Dyson Award, and 10,000 euros goes to your university's department. Two international runners-up will receive 10,000 euros and a certificate of excellence. Eighteen national winners will receive 2,000 euros and a certificate of excellence.

This international design award celebrates, encourages, and inspires the next generation of design engineers. If you believe this is you, then make sure to have your entry in by Aug. 1, 2013.

Register at www.jamesdysonaward.org.

Best Buddies: Matching Up New Friends

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Staff Writer

Best Buddies is a great organization on campus that combines community service, friendship, and opportunities. Best Buddies help create friendships for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. College students at Merrimack are matched one-on-one

with a buddy. They need to contact their buddy once a week and meet with them twice a month.

Another type of buddy that the organization has is called an associate buddy. They are not matched one-on-one with a student, but can still come to the event parties hosted by Merrimack. Best Buddies has a party once a month that includes different themes, such as

Halloween, Valentines Day or St. Patrick's Day. The event consists of good food and music as well as a great time with your buddy.

Junior Breanna Walukevich, president of Best Buddies, says, "I love Best Buddies because not only do we make a difference in the buddy's life, but they make a huge difference in our lives as well."

Breanna was matched with her

Best Buddy, Colleen her freshman year at Merrimack. She has had so many fun memories with her buddy and will continue the friendship for a lifetime.

Many students have benefitted from this program and highly recommend this opportunity. Best Buddies is a great chance to have the experience of reaching out to others while performing acts of service.

Even In Death, Britain's Iron Lady a Divisive Figure

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enabling a greater number of British citizens to invest and save in the stock market, increase savings in pensions, and enabled growing rates of home ownership. The Keynesian economic policies of Thatcher's day (whose mantle has been taken up by the United States of today) disprove claims that government stimulus can catalyze rapid economic growth. Avoiding socialist policy, Thatcher understood the illusory value of left leaning reforms, noting: "To cure the British disease with socialism was like trying to cure leukaemia with leeches." Deploying market-based reforms, Thatcher and those of her ideological ilk were derided as radicals.

Thatcher's reputation was tarnished after she attacked the public sector's stranglehold on the British economy. The period of rampant inflation had led the British government to hold public sector wages at 5 percent increases, infuriating workers and leading to massive strikes in the post office, steel industry, the ferries, and several more. The infamous 1978-'79 "Winter of Discontent" saw trash piled in streets and paralysis of public industry. Thatcher viewed the unions' striking power as a dangerous force and strove to lessen it, changing requirements for joining a union and shutting down insolvent state firms. These policies hurt miners and their families, highlighting the double edge of Thatcher's sword of capitalism. The power wielded by unions was far too great and created a vicious drain on British society, producing a languorous economy. Thatcher's reforms ended the abuses of the unions, but also destroyed miners' communities. The laborious work mining entailed had placed a tough onus on mining

families for generations, grueling work defined by George Orwell experiences mining in 1930s England:

"It is impossible to watch the 'fillers' at work without feeling a pang of envy for their toughness. It is a dreadful job that they do, an almost superhuman job by the standard of an ordinary person. For they are not only shifting monstrous quantities of coal, they are also doing it in a position that doubles or trebles the work. They have got to remain kneeling all the while — they could hardly rise from their knees without hitting the ceiling — and you can easily see by trying it what a tremendous effort this means. ... There is the heat — it varies, but in some mines it is suffocating — and the coal dust that stuffs up your throat and nostrils and collects along your eyelids, and the unending rattle of the conveyor belt, which in that confined space is rather like the rattle of a machine gun. ... They are on the job for seven and a half hours, theoretically without a break, for there is no time 'off'."



Thatcher, Reagan

Neil Wale a former miner interviewed by The New York Times on Thatcher's death, said, "Mrs. Thatcher? She should rot in hell for what she did to us."

The intractable legacy of necessary economic reform and the corresponding human cost are eternally bound to Thatcher's nuanced character and political vigor.

Despite the lofty rhetoric, Thatcher's domestic legacy did not always cohere with her vision. Keeping in place a centralized hierarchy for local governments, Thatcher did little to devolve power from the top, leaving local politicians with minimal power. Her deregulatory bonafides were seldom put into practice;

she preferred to keep tight centralization in Whitehall, the nucleus of the British government, than to frame policy to enable autonomy by local authority.

Granted, the Labour-run housing councils — public-housing projects — of the 1980s ran a disastrous ship, denying many prospective homeowners the ability to buy their own homes. Thatcher dictated legislation prohibiting the councils from refusing to sell housing, concurrently slashing bank and building society regulation that discouraged home buyers. Sadly, these reforms have had a malignant effect on posterity, weakening the local governments' control over policy, instead often acting as mere avatars of Whitehall's policy.

Unfortunately, the Iron Lady was not devoid of flaws in foreign affairs either. The early years of her reign were plagued by foreign policy hubris, a recurring motif. Thatcher misled the corrupt Argentinean junta on the provenance of the Falkland Islands, creating an unnecessary war, one that might have been better resolved diplomatically. Similarly, British policy towards Northern Ireland left much to be desired. Refusing to recognize the region's ardency for self-determination, Thatcher denied political status to Irish Republican Army hunger strikers, most notably Bobby Sands, emboldening a fresh drive of IRA recruitment in the wake of the martyred strikers.

Viewing British withdrawal from Northern Ireland as "unpalatable," Thatcher disparaged Sands' involvement against brutal British imperialistic repression. Conditions in the famed Maze prison were similarly atrocious, consisting of excreta-filled

cells, beatings by British prison guards, and spartan living conditions. Thatcher referred to Sands as a "criminal" and a "terrorist," and let 10 hunger strikers die without paying heed to the conditions inspiring the struggle in Ireland or the prisoners' political demands. Northern Ireland policy remains a significant stain on the prime minister's imposing record, with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams weighing in on Thatcher's passing: "Her Irish policy failed miserably."

Like the rest of her record, Thatcher's foreign policy remains nuanced, with her choosing the ethical stance on other foreign situations. Finding fault with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's policy of settlement construction, Thatcher noted that it "could kill the whole process of the search for a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East." She remained a robust supporter of Israel while noting that Israel "might at last live in peace within secure borders, giving the Palestinian people their legitimate aspirations, because you cannot demand for yourself what you deny to other people."

Thatcher's deference to international law in the Middle-East and unwieldy nature in contending with Northern Irish goals for self-determination convey an insightful portrait of her perplexity, contradicting both the polemical and mythological caricatures Thatcher inspired.

In an ironic twist of history, Thatcher's market reforms enabled Tony Blair's "Third Way" liberal policies, with the included warning that the new Labour government would not pursue government run economic policy, a view that has become pervasive in Britain. Thatcher's inadvertent gift to the left portrays the reaches her influence extended to, edifying her sagacity and indomitable spirit.

Running Out the Clock on Four Years

Michael Romanella '13
Sports Editor

Four years and four quarters – that’s how I see my college career at Merrimack and my time with the Beacon staff.



Coming from New Jersey, the only time I'd ever heard the word Merrimack was in history class – the Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac. North Andover was just another place to meander, let’s face it, getting to Merrimack from any route is just a lot of trees and not much else to look at. But, like in every facet of life, there’s something that draws us to a place. The people in the community are great – it’s a close-knit community filled with joy. The Beacon staff is just a subset of that. They are an even closer group of people who help one another grow and prosper.

Over the course of a game, whether it be football, baseball or hockey, you experience adversity that must be overcome to achieve victory. Throughout these four years there has been plenty of adversity in our version of the press-

room. But the Beacon has never faltered or folded. The staff has always risen to the occasion, and that’s a characteristic I can take with me.

Being a sports editor has been an honor. In four years I’ve been able to witness Merrimack Athletics grow to dominance. Merrimack hockey fought to a no. 1 ranking two years ago and made the NCAA tournament. They gave fans something to really cheer about in Manchester – we will see you again soon, Fighting Irish. Warriors football captured their second NE-10 championship in 2009 – something no one, other than the people in this community, ever thought could happen.

Even the construction project that is currently finishing up just shows all of us there’s a brighter future for everything at Merrimack, athletics included.

The clock is winding down slowly. It’s time to work the two-minute offense in a last-ditch effort to build memories that will last a lifetime. There’s no going back now; we can only complete this game and move on to next season. When the clock strikes zero, you can just look back, nothing more.

John Lennon once said, “Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.” This just simply means that while we would love to live



Spring football practice

in the moment and have a peaceful ride, we can’t help but make plans for the future. The true experience of being alive is beyond those plan.

We must cherish everything we have – that’s college in a nutshell.

Thanks to everyone on the Beacon staff and thanks, Jim, for all you’ve taught me.

Track Teams Finish Strong

Helen Gillis '13
Staff Writer

Merrimack College Men’s track and field had their most recent meet at the Greyhound Invitational at Moravian College on April 20 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Freshman Denzel Livingston had a big day for himself, winning the long jump with a final distance of 6.75m.

This made it a personal record for him and broke the school’s previous record.

The jump also qualified him for the New England Championships that will take place in mid-May.

Livingston also came in second overall in the 100m dash finals. He had a time of 10.84 seconds, which was a new school record as well.

Graduate students Ethan and Ian Weaver took fifth and sixth place in the 400m with times

of 49.47 seconds and 49.84. Ethan Weaver also took a fifth-place finish in the 200m dash with a time of 22.77 seconds.

The women’s track and field team also traveled to Bethlehem to compete in the Greyhound Invitational. Sophomore Noelia Figuereo came in first place in the 100m dash with a time of 12.01.

This time also set a new school record in this event.

With this win, Figuereo has come in first in at least one of her events in every meet this year. She also came in third place in the 200m dash with the time of 26.22 seconds.

Junior Briana Devereaux had a first-place finish in the 1500m run. She beat all her competition by more than three seconds with the time of 4:45.57.

Sophomore Alyssa Otis earned fourth in the high jump with a distance of 1.53m.

Adam Scott Takes His First Masters

Terence Barclay '13
Staff Writer

The Masters Tournament is one of the four major championships in professional golf that is full of rich tradition.

Scheduled for the first full week of April, it is the first of the majors to be played each year. Unlike the other major championships, the Masters is held each year at the same location, Augusta National Golf Club, a private golf club in Augusta, Ga. The field of players in the Masters is smaller than those of the other major championships because it is an invitational event.

The tournament’s traditions include the green jacket, which since 1949 has been awarded to the champion, who must return it to the clubhouse one year after the time of that player's victory. In most instances, the jacket is only removed from the club's grounds by a first-time champion.

Jack Nicklaus has won more Masters Tournaments than any other golfer, six times between 1963 and 1986. Other multiple winners include legendary golfers Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods, with four each.

The 2013 Masters Tournament was the 77th edition of the Masters Tournament held on April 11 to 14. Closing in on the final round of the Masters, it was a tight race to first place. There were five golfers who were all within a few shots off the lead entering into Sunday's final round.

With one hole left on the final round, Adam Scott birdied his putt to take a one stroke lead ahead of Angel Cabrera. Angel Cabrera returned the favor by sinking a birdie shot of his own to force a sudden death playoff between himself and Adam Scott. Adam Scott won the Masters Tournament on the second hole of the playoff.

It was Scott’s first major championship and the first time an Australian won the Masters.

Canucks Call Cannata

Former Merrimack goalie Joe Cannata has been promoted to the Vancouver Canucks of the National Hockey League for the final two games of the regular season, the team said Wednesday. The move comes retroactive to Canuck backup goalie Cory Schneider’s injury.

Cannata had been playing for Vancouver’s AHL affiliate, the Chicago Wolves, and posted a 2.65 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage in 14 games for Chicago.

We’re With The Band



Members of the Merrimack Programming Board met The Band Perry before Friday night’s Spring Concert. From left are Neil Perry, Rose Dolan, assistant director of student involvement; Lauren Foster, concert co-chair; Kimberly Perry; Matt O’Neil, concert co-chair; and Reid Perry

Photo by Emily Morgan

WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

Brad Duhaime

Men’s Lacrosse, Defense

Michael Romanella '13
Staff Writer

Brad Duhaime has been a focal part of the Warriors defense since transferring from Lasell College.

Duhaime racked up 22 ground balls and caused 12 turnovers, while appearing in all 16 games in 2012.

This season, Duhaime has found himself a place in the starting lineup and is making his name known.

Merrimack’s defense this season has ranked in the top half of the conference in every defensive statistic.

The Senior defenseman will look to guide the Warriors to another final four appearance as the season begins to whine down.

Q: What's your favorite warmup song?
A: "Till I Collapse" by Eminem & Nate Dogg.

Q: Who is your favorite professional athlete?
A: Dennis Rodman.

Q: How is this season going to be different from the last seasons?
A: We have made it to the NE-10 Champi-



Brad Duhaime
Photo by Mike Romanella
onship and fell short. We are going to win it this year.

Q: Do you have any pre-game rituals?
A: I pet my pet hamster "Hammy."

Q: What personal goals do you have for yourself this season?
A: Score a goal.

Q: Describe your thoughts on your season so far.
A: We have had two losses so far in this season where we could have won each of them, which is hard to take in.

Q: Why do you prefer defense over offense?
A: I'd rather hit people then get hit.

Q: What is your major?
A: Business administration.

Q: What do you want to do after college?
A: I would like to open up my own fish market in Salem, Massachusetts.

Q: What was your favorite win here at Merrimack?
A: My favorite win here at Merrimack would have to be this season, when we won against the #1 team in the nation, Le Moyne 5-3.

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Stats Don't Tell Baseball Story

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As the sun returns, the grass greens, and the sound of cracking bats echoes into the bitter air of campus, you can feel it: it's baseball season. The Merrimack College baseball team has made a strong showing this season. Currently standing with a 20-14 overall record, they have solidified themselves as a firm opposing force to their competition. They have most recently proved their resiliency through a turnaround series of games this past weekend.

Beginning with a loss to Adelphi in early April, the Warriors grudgingly descended into a seven-game losing streak. But the team refused to let a few fallen games define their season. In true Warrior spirit, they instead used it to ignite a determination to once again become victorious. This opportunity came in the form of the Saint Anselm's College baseball team.

Having an adjusted double-header due to the rainy weather on Saturday, the Warriors overtook Saint A's in a single game, winning 1-0 in the first of a three-game series. Saint A's defended



Frank Crinella had two hits against Saint A's.
Courtesy Merrimack Athletics

their home field in the second game on Sunday, with a 6-1 victory over Merrimack. After leading the Warriors only 1-0 for the first six innings, Saint A's went on a hitting streak, scoring five runs in the seventh inning, and overwhelming the silent bats of the Warriors. With the series in a 1-1 stalemate, the Warriors stepped onto the field for the third, final game. After a few innings of consistent scoring, Saint A's led Merrimack 4-1 going into the top of the eighth. But

Merrimack really "stepped up to the plate" with a frenzied swing of the bat, scoring 4 runs to lead Saint A's 5-4; Saint A's answered with 2 runs in the bottom of the eighth to lead 6-5. And in another bat-cracking inning, the Warriors tallied an additional 4 runs against Saint A's, who went silent in the bottom of the ninth for a 9-6 Merrimack victory. Senior captain and second-baseman Alan Pastyrnak Jr. names this game as most memorable in the entire season,

saying, "This past weekend to me has been the highlight of the season ... a huge come-from-behind win over Saint A's at their field on their senior day." It was a game to remember for this team.

But the greatness of this team cannot be found in statistics, or counted among a row of wins and losses. Their greatest strength is each other. With a unique compilation of batting intros — including Rihanna's hit song "S&M" — reflecting each player, the team has a roster entirely constituted of characters. Pastyrnak credits this as the team's defining quality and what separates them from the rest. He says, "The best part of being on the baseball team is definitely having the teammates I have ... it's what separates us."

And as the team looks with upturned caps to the rest of the season, they hope to obtain that coveted spot in the NE-10 play-offs and continue their season well into May. The Warriors have an upcoming home weekend series against Franklin Pierce. And while they hope for the future successes of their season, their greatest success is in the character of their team.

Sports

Netmen Take NE-10 Title

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After a rough 3-4 record over their first seven matches of the season, the men's tennis team stormed back into contention by winning their final 8 regular season matches to finish with an 11-4 record and win the Northeast-10 Conference Regular Season Title. This is the third consecutive season the team has won the NE-10's regular season crown.

The team has now won 10 straight overall matches after going undefeated in the month of April. With their 8-1 victory at Stonehill on March 13, the Warriors moved to a perfect 9-0 in conference play and clinched the No. 1 overall seed in the conference tournament, earning a first-round bye and an automatic berth to the semi-finals.

The Warriors were fortunate enough to play an extra tune-up match against Hartford, a game rescheduled due to an earlier postponement in March. The team was scheduled for another non-conference tune up with Hartford on April 15, but due to the events in Boston the match was cancelled.

Just six days after clinching the regular season crown, Adelphi University sat waiting in the conference semi-finals, but

the Panthers were no match for the Warriors, who won by an easy 5-2 decision.

Next up were the Penmen of Southern New Hampshire University, but once again Merrimack handled the match with ease, winning by a 5-1 final.

"I could not be prouder of the way our team has fought for every match we have played this season," head coach Sean Tully told Merrimack Athletics following the win. "We had great focus today and accomplished what we set out to do from the very first day of practice. We plan on using this momentum to carry us through the region in the NCAA Tournament."

With the conference tournament championship in hand, the Warriors earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Division 2 Tournament, marking their sixth straight appearance and sixth overall.

Junior Chris Barnhart and sophomore Vince Bellino each earned First Team All-Conference honors in the No. 3 and No. 4 singles category, respectively, while the duo also earned Second-Team honors in the No. 2 doubles slot.

The Warriors earned a No. 3 seed in the Division 2 NCAA Tournament and next play April 28 in the first round against Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill College.

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